



## National Service in Connecticut



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN CONNECTICUT

More than 3,700 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Connecticut. Serving at more than 600 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$9,390,000 to support Connecticut communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$2,720,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 910 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Connecticut. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Connecticut Commission on Community Service, Office of Higher Education, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 12,000 Connecticut residents have served more than 16 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$36,130,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 2,800 seniors in Connecticut contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,000 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 270 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 230 groups across Connecticut.

**Social Innovation Fund:** The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Connecticut, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$440,000 in expanding the impact of 2 nonprofits in Connecticut.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Connecticut At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	13	37	411	\$902,110	\$1,155,191 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	109	223	\$1,258,835	\$287,424
AmeriCorps State Formula	5	27	239	\$403,752	\$940,752
AmeriCorps VISTA	7	45	46	\$255,680	\$737,702
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>\$2,820,377</b>	<b>\$3,121,069</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	5	114	469	-	\$1,534,230
RSVP	8	238	2,196	-	\$624,709
Senior Companion Program	2	35	203	-	\$648,863
Senior Demonstration Program	1	-	-	-	-
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,807,802</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	2	-	-	-	\$449,500
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$449,500</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$200,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>605<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3,787</b>	<b>\$2,820,377</b>	<b>\$6,578,371</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$9,398,747</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$2,723,108 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$12,121,856</b>

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
  - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Connecticut. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
  - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
  - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
  - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



Since 1994, more than 12,000 Connecticut residents have served more than 16 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$36,130,000.

## AmeriCorps

Teach For America Connecticut provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping to break the local cycle of educational inequity. AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford, New Haven, and Windham, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels. Today, 189 AmeriCorps members are teaching more than 11,000 students in the state. Teach For America Connecticut measures each corps member's progress against ambitious benchmarks. For the 2011-12 school year, the first and second year teachers (corps members) achieved, on average, 80 percent and 87 percent of their benchmarks, which translates into 1.20 and 1.31 years of academic growth, respectively. The average academic growth per year for low-income students is 0.4 years. Teach For America Connecticut members have enlisted more than 3,650 volunteers this grant year, and for MLK Day, 171 corps members served 520 volunteer hours at charitable organizations across the state.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County seeks to build community and to improve lives by partnering with low-income families, community volunteers, and donors to build simple, decent, safe and affordable neighborhoods. In an area that has been identified as having the widest income gap in the United States' 516 metropolitan areas, according to the Census Bureau, greater Bridgeport area benefits from the collaboration with AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) by making more housing to low-income residents. Through collaboration with NCCC members, 200 new volunteer relationships were generated, 2,000 pounds of debris were removed from identified communities, eight homes were constructed, and two blitz builds were coordinated with 600-800 corporate volunteers.

## AmeriCorps VISTA

The New Haven Education AmeriCorps VISTA Project placed 17 VISTA members at seven community organizations that teach children to read, prepare youth with skills to enter and succeed in college, and provide students with wraparound services to improve educational performance. VISTAs also provided parents with tools and support to ensure their students' success. As a result, VISTAs enabled community organizations to reach more than 3,500 students and 500 parents in New Haven by increasing the number of programs and the quality of services provided by literacy tutors, wraparound service providers at New Haven public schools, and college readiness programs. The VISTAs also distributed 200,000 books to classrooms and throughout the community, raised \$250,000 in cash and in-kind donations, and recruited 250 volunteers who contributed almost 10,000 hours of service.

## Senior Corps

New Opportunities RSVP project in Waterbury engaged 36 RSVP volunteers in serving 87 clients through the Money Management program. Money Managers provided a total of 1,721 hours of service to elderly or disabled low-income adults who had difficulty managing their money. Money Managers helped clients balance their checkbooks, reviewed bank statements, and provided other financial assistance as needed. Money Management services allowed 84 percent of all clients to remain living independently in their own homes.

## Social Innovation Fund

Connecticut AIDS Resource Center's (CARC) project, Connecticut Integrated Healthcare and Housing Neighborhoods, implements a health home outreach model linking primary care, behavioral healthcare, and supportive housing. The program will serve 160 adults across the State of Connecticut who are homeless with chronic behavioral health and substance abuse conditions and/or other chronic health problems and who are high utilizers of crisis health services, particularly emergency departments, inpatient units, and detox facilities. Program activities are intended to increase access to health services for vulnerable populations; increase coordination between primary health care systems, behavioral health care services and community organizations; and improve health outcomes and reduce high costs associated with high crisis health service use. Their first annual award from their Social Innovation Fund intermediary, Corporation for Supportive Housing, was for \$400,000, which they will match dollar-for-dollar.

# AmeriCorps in Connecticut



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CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)	919	27
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	223	33

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bridgeport	Habitat - Coastal Fairfield (June 21 - July 26, 2013) Habitat for Humanity - Coastal Fairfield County	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bridgeport	MYO (Current) Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership	96	AmeriCorps State Formula
Bridgeport	Public Allies Connecticut (Completed) Public Allies, Inc.	37	AmeriCorps National
Bridgeport	University of Bridgeport (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	2	AmeriCorps National
Danbury	AmeriCorps Collegiate Development Program (Current) Hispanic Center of Danbury, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Danbury	YVC of Western Connecticut (Current) Youth Volunteer Corps	2	AmeriCorps National
Deep River	Incarnation Center (October 20 - November 6, 2013) Incarnation Center	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Fairfield	Connecticut Campus Compact (Current) Fairfield University	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fairfield	Fairfield University (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	4	AmeriCorps National
Gales Ferry	United Way of Southeastern Connecticut Food Policy Council (Current) United Way of Southeastern Connecticut	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hartford	Addressing Homelessness in Greater Hartford (Current) Journey Home, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hartford	Building Volunteer Engagement Capacity in Hartford (Completed) Hands On Hartford	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Hartford	Community Renewal Team, Inc. (Completed) Community Renewal Team, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Hartford	Green Crew AmeriCorps Program (Current) Knox Parks Foundation	12	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Hartford	Hartford Area HFH (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Hartford	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Hartford (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	37	AmeriCorps National
Hartford	SCA Connecticut (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Hartford	YouthBuild Hartford, CT (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	31	AmeriCorps National
Manchester	Manchester Community College (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	5	AmeriCorps National
Middletown	Community Health Center, Inc. (Current) National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.	28	AmeriCorps National
Middletown	Wesleyan University (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	12	AmeriCorps National
Milford	Milford - Public Assistance (March 26 - May 30, 2013) FEMA - Region I Division Office	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Milford	Windsor, CT - IAM (March 26 - May 31, 2013) FEMA - Region I	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
New Britain	Central Connecticut State University (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	4	AmeriCorps National
New Britain	Jumpstart New Britain at Central Connecticut State Uni (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	36	AmeriCorps National
New Haven	Addressing the Multi-Level Needs of Homeless Veterans in CT (Current) Columbus House, Inc	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
New Haven	Building a Healthy and Sustainable Food System (Completed) CitySeed, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA

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New Haven	Development Assistance (Completed) Children In Placement Connecticut, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
New Haven	Experience Corps (Current) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	56	AmeriCorps State Formula
New Haven	Jumpstart New Haven at Southern Connecticut State University (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	79	AmeriCorps National
New Haven	LEAP AmeriCorps (Completed) Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership	40	AmeriCorps State Formula
New Haven	Market New Haven Housing (Completed) Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
New Haven	New Haven Education (Completed) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
New Haven	New Haven Education (Current) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	17	AmeriCorps VISTA
New Haven	New Haven, HHF of Greater (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
New Haven	Teach For America - Connecticut (Completed) Teach For America	7	AmeriCorps National
New Haven	Teach For America - Connecticut (Current) Teach For America	211	AmeriCorps State Competitive
New Haven	Yale University (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	2	AmeriCorps National
New London	Employment and Training Services Project (Completed) Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
New London	Heading Home (Completed) New London Homeless Hospitality Center, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Shelton	Connecticut Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. (Completed) Connecticut Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Storrs	Husky Sport (Current) Up2Us, Inc.	6	AmeriCorps National
Storrs	Jumpstart UConn. at University of Connecticut (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	163	AmeriCorps National
Storrs	UConn Cooperative Extension (Completed) FoodCorps, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Storrs Mansfield	Husky Sport (Completed) Up2Us, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Torrington	Torrington Area Health District - Medical Reserve Corps (July 26 - September 12, 2013) Torrington Area Health District-Medical Reserve Corps	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Vernon	Healthy Food Every Day (Current) University of Connecticut	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Waterbury	CT AHEC Network AmeriCorps Program (Current) Northwestern Connecticut AHEC	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Waterbury	Northwestern Connecticut AHEC, Inc. (Current) Northwestern Connecticut AHEC	1	AmeriCorps National
Waterbury	Waterbury AmeriCorps (Current) Naugatuck Valley Community College	45	AmeriCorps State Formula
Waterbury	Youth Health Service Corps-AmeriCorps Division (Completed) Northwestern Connecticut AHEC	17	AmeriCorps State Formula
Waterbury	Youth Mental Health First Aid Corps (Current) Northwestern Connecticut AHEC	-	AmeriCorps National
West Hartford	University of Saint Joseph (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	-	AmeriCorps National
West Haven	University of New Haven (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	8	AmeriCorps National

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Wethersfield	Community Health Center Assoc. of Connecticut (Current) National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.	26	AmeriCorps National
Wethersfield	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Connecticut (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Willimantic	Eastern Connecticut State University (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	9	AmeriCorps National
Willimantic	The Access Agency, Inc. (Current) The Access Agency, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Windsor	Windsor, CT – IAM (March 26 - May 31, 2013) FEMA - Region I	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Winsted	Northwestern Connecticut Community College (Completed) Tufts University/MA Campus Compact	-	AmeriCorps National

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.  
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# Senior Corps in Connecticut



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS		PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014)		2,868	16
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)		1,979	7
Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Bridgeport	Bridgeport FGP (Current) Child and Family Guidance Center	106	Foster Grandparent Program
Bridgeport	Eastern Fairfield County RSVP (Completed) City of Bridgeport	225	RSVP
Bristol	Greater Bristol RSVP (Completed) Bristol Community Organization	293	RSVP
Bristol	Greater Bristol RSVP (Current) Bristol Community Organization	293	RSVP
Danbury	RSVP by CACD (Current) The Community Action Committee of Danbury, Inc.	103	RSVP
Hartford	Foster Grandparent Program NBBBS (Current) Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters Inc.	76	Foster Grandparent Program
Hartford	Greater Hartford RSVP (Completed) Community Renewal Team, Inc.	410	RSVP
Hartford	Greater Hartford RSVP (Current) Community Renewal Team, Inc.	328	RSVP
New Britain	RSVP of Central Ct Inc (Current) RSVP of Central Connecticut Inc.	260	RSVP
New Haven	Experience Corps Greater New Haven (Current) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	-	Senior Demonstration Program
New Haven	Foster Grandparent Program of Greater New Haven (Current) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	101	Foster Grandparent Program
New Haven	Greater New Haven SCP (Current) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	112	Senior Companion Program
New Haven	RSVP of South Central CT (Current) Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut	224	RSVP
New London	Windham/Tolland & Southern New London (Current) Thames Valley Council for Community Action	333	RSVP
Norwalk	RSVP of Southwestern CT (Completed) Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now (Neon)	255	RSVP
Norwalk	RSVP of Southwestern Ct2 (Current) Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now (Neon)	255	RSVP
Norwich	Eastern Ct FGP (Current) Thames Valley Council for Community Action	108	Foster Grandparent Program
Norwich	Northern New London RSVP (Completed) United Community And Family Services	357	RSVP
Norwich	Tvcca SCP (Completed) Thames Valley Council for Community Action	22	Senior Companion Program
Waterbury	Central Naugatuck Valley FGP (Current) New Opportunities, Inc.	78	Foster Grandparent Program
Waterbury	New Opportunities Inc. RSVP (Current) New Opportunities, Inc.	400	RSVP
Waterbury	New Opportunities, Inc. RSVP (Completed) New Opportunities, Inc.	417	RSVP
Waterbury	New Opportunities, Inc. Senior Companion Program (Current) New Opportunities, Inc.	91	Senior Companion Program

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

## Nonprofit Subgrantees in Connecticut

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Hartford, CT	Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition Corporation for Supportive Housing	Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition's project, Connecticut Integrated Healthcare and Housing Neighborhoods, will create a health home outreach model linking primary care, behavioral healthcare and supportive housing.
Hartford, CT	Workforce Solutions Collaborative of Metro Hartford/United Way of Central and Northeastern CT Jobs for the Future, Inc.	Workforce Solutions Collaborative of Metro Hartford is developing an educated, economically self-sufficient workforce that meets employer needs in advanced manufacturing, energy, utilities and health care.